

NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Apartment landlords discriminate against families with children

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d'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — When Robin Neil applied for a Coeur d'Alene apartment, the manager offered her a choice: She could live with her husband or her baby, but not both.

"She said it used to be an apartment complex for adults, but that they couldn't do that legally anymore," Neil said. "So this was the owner's way of trying to limit the number of people."

"The reported complaints are probably the tip of the iceberg," said Richard Mabbutt, executive director of the Idaho Fair Housing Council.

A loophole in Idaho's fair-housing laws allows some landlords to legally refuse to rent to families with children.

Idaho landlords who own less than four units don't have to comply with the federal law. And Idaho is one of only seven states that haven't changed their fair-housing laws to protect families with children.

In Spokane, two apartment building owners agreed to pay \$76,000 to settle a lawsuit alleging longstanding discrimination against families with children.

Other times, landlords may simply rent the person the apartment, or agree to attend a class on fair housing laws, he said.

Of the 110 cases of alleged housing discrimination reported to the fair housing council in 1995, about 70 percent went unresolved.

Accident kills triplets after father attempts to guide nearby traffic

M I N D E N,
Iowa (AP) — A semitrailer truck slammed into a family's stalled minivan Saturday, killing 3-year-old triplets inside.

The girls' father was trying to direct traffic around the van, which was stopped in the passing lane after hitting a guardrail. The truck was trying to pass another vehicle when it hit the van and pushed it into the median, the Iowa State Patrol said.

Rachel, Lauren and Eileen Haase suffered severe head injuries and probably died immediately, said Dr. Scott Blair, medical examiner for Pottawattamie County.

Their parents and the truck driver were treated at a hospital and released.

Agents seize cocaine valued at 7.7 million

H O U S T O N (AP) — Federal agents seized 170 pounds of cocaine, worth an estimated \$7.7 million, after it was tossed early Saturday from a Colombian freighter, the U.S. Customs Service said.

Two men were arrested after agents intercepted the delivery before daybreak at the Houston Ship Channel, said Roger Maier, a customs spokesman.

Milton Estupinan Aspiralla, 25, a Colombian national, was arrested after getting out of the water with the 66 bricks of cocaine, Maier said.

Libya sends hijackers back to Egypt; trial for air piracy expected

C A I R O, Egypt (AP) — Three Egyptians who hijacked a passenger jet to Libya last week were turned over to Egyptian authorities Sunday and brought back to Cairo.

Egypt is expected to put the men on trial for air piracy.

Information Minister Safwat el-Sherif told Egypt's Middle East News Agency that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi also had agreed to turn over all documents related to the hijacking. Libya did not confirm the report.

Last Wednesday, an Egyptian, his 17-year-old son and a nephew hijacked an EgyptAir jet after it landed in the southern town of Luxor on a stopover from Saudi Arabia to Cairo.

The plane, with 145 tourists abroad, was flown to Libya, where the hijackers surrendered. No one was hurt and the passengers and plane were returned to Egypt on Thursday.

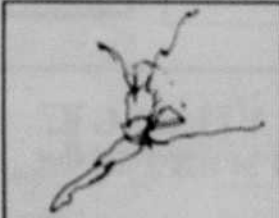
Tamil rebels ram into vessel, killing sailors

C O L O M B O, Sri Lanka (AP) — Tamil rebels rammed a boat laden with explosives into a navy vessel, blowing up a navy vessel and the 10 sailors aboard, a military spokesman said Sunday.

An unknown number of rebels also died in the suicide attack, and 35 were killed later when the military called in helicopters to help repulse the rebel raid on the convoy, said Maj. Tilak Dunuwille, a military spokesman.

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4/16	Lloyd Jones Clinic, Springfield 7:00p.m.
4/17	Don Latarski, Springfield 6:30 p.m.
4/19	Dave Uhrich, Eugene 7:00 p.m.
4/20	\$5 Guitar Setup, Eugene, All Day
4/24	Nathan Waddell Clinic, Springfield 6:30 p.m.
4/27	\$5 Guitar Setup, Springfield All Day
4/27	Seagull Guitar Day, Factory Rep, Eugene 10:00 a.m.

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